No. 49.

JANUARY 30, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

For the punishment of certain crimes therein mentioned.

1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled,* That, if any citizen
3 of the United States, holding an office or appointment of profit or
4 trust, either civil or military, under the government of the United
5 States, shall, without the consent of congress, directly or indirectly
6 receive money or accept of any present, emolument, office or title,
7 from any king, prince, or foreign state, or the agents thereof, shall
8 be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction before
9 any court of the United States, having jurisdiction thereof, shall be
10 punished by a fine in double the sum of money so received, and by
11 imprisonment, during a term not less than years, nor
12 exceeding years, and for any present, emolument,

13 office or title, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding
14 dollars, and be imprisoned during a term not less than
15 years, nor exceeding years, and forever after be
16 disqualified from holding any office or appointment, of profit or
17 trust, under the government of the United States, and the trial of
18 such offences, if committed without the limits of the United States,
19 or the territories thereof, shall be in the district where the offender
20 may be apprehended or first brought: *Provided, however*, That
21 nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge the right of indi-
22 vidual citizens of the United States, by themselves or their lawful
23 agents, from receiving compensation for injuries in relation to per-
24 son or property, which such individual may have sustained from
25 any foreign government or of its agents, citizens or subjects.